



President's Message "Transition"

Another month in the books for 2015, and the AARA continues to conclude business started months ago. Although the process has not been swift, it has been deliberate to ensure all are involved and a consensus is achieved before moving forward. In only a short few months, the club has achieved quite a bit with some loose ends left to tie, and I am sure, more ideas from the membership to consider.

A recent development is the securing of the Amateur station at the Children's Museum and the establishment of an Amateur station at the Science Museum. I would like to thank Mr. Nick Pugh K5QXJ for his many years of supporting the station at the Children's Museum. I would also like to thank Mr. Paul McCasland N5KNY for his efforts to establish the new station at the Science Museum. He has made great progress thus far, and I hope you will join me in providing as much support he needs as he continues to build the station and present Amateur Radio to the general public. If you have not already done so, visit the Science Museum in Lafayette. They have some very fascinating exhibits.

The AARA has also adopted a new logo and QSL card. After months of submissions and consideration, we have new representation to better reflect the AARA's current and future state. It was fun and enjoyable for all involved and I hope all members are satisfied with the results. The new logo will be prominent for all to see on all media and the QSL card will be mailed to confirm all contacts requesting a QSL with W5DDL. Great Job!

November brings the last AARA General Club meeting of the year, and the last month of the year to handle club business in an assembly setting. If you have anything you wish the club to consider before the end of the year, November 5th is the evening to do it. If you cannot attend the November meeting, simply contact the AARA Board at board@w5ddl.org and we will address your concerns. We have actually had great success in handling club issues in a timely manner using email between general club meetings. It keeps things moving.

And lastly, November is the month of Thanksgiving. As most of us gather with family and friends on this holiday, let everyone reflect on what they are thankful for and by Whom it was provided. If you decide to travel, have a safe trip, and if you anticipate some down time during your visit, bring your mobile or portable rig, you know you want to!

Mark
W5GTI
AARA President

Region 4 ARES Appointments

Congratulations to new staff:

Jim Molan KD5IGG (ARRL Louisiana Section Manager) has appointed Jim Bookter N5NVP of Scott, Louisiana, as the new District Emergency Coordinator for Region 4.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP of Carencro, Louisiana, is the new Asst. District Emergency Coordinator for Region 4.

Thanks to everyone who put in applications and were involved in this process.

73,

Scott Wren, KD5DFL
Louisiana Section Emergency
Coordinator
www.laarll.org

FYI

According to our club by-laws, a nominating committee will be appointed by the President of the association at the November membership meeting each year and will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) voting members in good standing from the general membership. The president will designate the Chairperson.

If you have not paid your 2016-2017 AARA membership dues, now is a good time to consider doing so.

AARA General Meeting

Thursday November 5, 2015 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA. - Field Day discussion.

VE Testing at 6:00 PM - No VE Testing in December

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

November 5, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Red Cross Building

101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA

VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM**AREA HAMFESTS**

No Louisiana Hamfest Listed

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM

147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net

145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Ric Wallace - KF5KEL

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QSL MANAGER

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of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross Building, 101
North Pat Street, Scott, LA**Louisiana ARRL Section Manager Candidate**

Jim Molan KD5IGG, current Louisiana ARRL Section Manager, is going to retire at the end of his term. He has done an awesome job in Louisiana and we wish to thank him for everything that he has done.

I have put my name in the hat for the position of Section Manager. It has been a very busy year. We have many new District Emergency Coordinators, many new EC's, and several new ARES members on board. Several areas of the state have started their ARES organizations back up from the ground up. This year we started a Louisiana ARES FaceBook page, a Google groups email system, and are utilizing these services to improve communications among our members. We also have the EchoLink ARES Conference server back up under ****LA_ARES****. In addition, we started the Louisiana ARES digital net, held every Sunday night at 7:00 pm. We had an awesome participation in SET.

We listed expectations, instructed EC's on the importance of the SET reporting form and importance of sending and receiving messages--which they did!

Next year holds a lot in store. We have a lot of work ahead of us but with the dedicated ARES members that we have I'm sure it will get done. I'm hoping that I will have your vote and backing for Section Manager 2016.

Thanks in advance and 73,

Scott Wren, KD5DFL

Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator

www.laarrrl.org

Once again, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) has been asked to help out with the "Cajun Cup 10K Run" in downtown Lafayette on Saturday November 14, 2015. Jess Gillion KF5LUL has accepted the task as event coordinator again this year. "T" shirt and free food for volunteers at the food court.

The 10K Run course will be from downtown to Cajun Field and back to downtown Lafayette. A nice YouTube video of the route with description can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyn-86eQBJ8>

OCTOBER AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2015

The AARA general meeting was called to order by President Mark Saltzman, W5GTI.

Mark Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, led the prayer. Introductions were made of those in attendance

Minutes:

The September AARA Board Meeting minutes were submitted by Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW, and were published in the September LARC. The minutes were accepted on motion of Ric Wallace, KF5KEL and seconded by Jess Gillion, KF5LUL.

The September General Meeting minutes were submitted by Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW, and were published in the September LARC. The minutes were accepted on motion of Ralph Gaudet, WB5GAF and seconded by Paula Romero, KF5CNS.

Treasurer's Report:

While the financial report is not published in the LARC, any member may contact the treasurer, Archie Hill, W5AG, for a copy of the report. Archie presented the financial report to the membership and Galen Wilson, KF5BET, made a motion to accept the report with Phoebe Gaudet, KC5VRN, providing a second. The report was passed as read.

Presentation:

Mr. Larry Leblanc KE5KJD gave a presentation of Software Defined Radio (SDR). During the presentation, Larry demonstrated his newly acquired SDR receiver by SDR Play utilizing HSDR. This receiver is built into its own box and has an excellent receiver.

Old Business:

An Advance SKYWARN class was held at the Red Cross Building during August. Certificates for those attending were sent out via email last week. There was discussion on how to get the video of the class onto YouTube and Jess Gillion, KF5LUL made a motion to create a YouTube account for the club with Bob Cooley, K5IVR making a second. The motion passed with the stipulation that controls need to be put in place to verify what content can be posted. This will be worked out before the channel is created.

The Louisiana Simulated Emergency Test (SET) was held this past weekend. There was good participation by the club.

30 check-ins were recording on the VHF side of the test. Several members were located at various locations around Acadiana. Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, set up in Crowley along with other members. Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP, set up in Abbeville. Various portable antennas were used and 4 digital messages were passed. All in all, the SET was very well attended and should be considered a success.

We are still waiting on our Yeasu repeater to be sent back to us. They are not upgrading the repeater, they will be sending us a brand new one.

Mark Saltzman, W5GTI, went to DMV and has in his possession the title for AMOS. We are now in a position to sell AMOS. Since the vehicle has not sold, it will not be offered to the general public. Jess offered to park AMOS at his car lot on the Thruway so more people would see it. Any officer will be able to sign the bill of sale.

Steve Webre, AF5VR, has been working on the antenna trailer. A winch has been added to raise the tower with a safety limit switch. The battery box has been upgraded for the added control of the tower lifting. Connectors on the outside have been added for solar panels or charger for the battery. A spare tire is still needed.

New Business:

This year during the Tour-du-Teche, the club will also be hosting a special events station for those wishing to operate from one of the checkpoints. Herman has made a QSL card for the event, and anyone participating in the event will use the W5DDL call sign. Participants will need to provide a station with all of the needed equipment and will be required to keep a log of the contacts, so we have good records of those who contacted us during the special events. The dates for the special event are October 2, 3 and 4. The event will have to be spread via word of mouth this year since we missed the deadline to advertise in QST magazine. If the event is successful, the club may want to make this a yearly event. Mark will provide those operating with a copy of the club license to keep everything legal. All checkpoints have been manned and volunteers should have packet of information for the race.

The club voted on the design for the new logo. There were 11 entries for the logo.

Logos were presented as slides with slide #7 logo winning by majority ballot. The new QSL card was then presented. The three top QSL cards were presented. Mark then stated that since the club liked all three cards equally, could they be combined in such a way as to use the graphics from all three cards to make one. Mark presented a QSL card that incorporated all three designs and Jess Gillion, KF5LUL, made a motion to accept the combined card. Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, seconded the motion and all approved. The club will continue to use Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, contact information for the card. Mark will print 50 of the new cards to be used for the Tour Du Teche special event. Roland Guidry, NA5Q, will be responsible for responding to QSL requests for the event.

The 40 meter beam antenna was auctioned off. This auction was announced at last month's meeting. The starting bid of \$200.00 was put before the club. Archie Hill, W5AG, was the winner with the final bid of \$200.00.

Nick Pugh, K5QXJ, is shutting down the radio room at the Children's museum and the display will be moved to the Lafayette Science Museum. Paul McCasland, N5KNY, has a station set up at the Science museum and will meet with Nick and AARA board members to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Jess Gillion, KF5LUL, announced that the Cajun Cup marathon is coming up in November 14, 2015. He will be sending out an email to those that have volunteered in the past and will then ask for any positions left vacant to be manned by members. Our duties will include radioing information from the race to the race officials and helping out as needed. The time commitment is only for a couple of hours and free food is available to those that volunteer. Jess asked that volunteers meet downtown by 7:30 am in the parking lot on Jefferson Street under the big mural.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Bob Cooley, K5IVR, and seconded by Jess Gillion, KF5LUL motion was approved.

Present: 25 members - 4 visitors

Submitted by:

Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW

AARA Secretary

TOUR DU TECHE 135 - 2015

By Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF

We would like to thank everyone who participated at the Check Points for the Tour du Teche. The following are the ones who participated: Dave Redfearn N4ELM – Arnaudville; Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, and Paula Romero KF5CNS – Poche's Country Club; Archie Hill W5AG - St. Martinville; Bob Cooley K5IVR, Priscilla Cooley KG5GKJ – New Iberia; Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, and Kendra Wilson KF5FYS – Charenton; Jess Gillion KF5LUL – Franklin; Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Joann Pugh KE5RPL – East Gate Calumet Cut; Jackie Price KA5LMZ, Deborah Price N5FMI, and Rudy Duchan WA5QNH – Morgan City; Herman Campbell KN5GRK and Ramona Jobe KG5HNO – EchoLink support; Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and Nick Pugh K5QXJ – Communications Coordinators.

The Tour du Teche 135 canoe race was held on October 2-4, 2015, and was for 135 miles from Port Barre, Louisiana to Berwick, Louisiana.

The Command Center trailer is air conditioned and has a refrigerator and storage shelves for all the needed items for setup of the trailer. Overall, it served us well and in many ways made the job of communicating easier and more enjoyable for those manning the "Crawfish Hole". This year, we were able to see a lot of the action with the canoes crossing the finish lines. The destinations were Port Barre, St. Martinville, Franklin and Berwick.

On September 26, 2015, the Tour de la Riviere Rouge 275 mile canoe race was run from Shreveport to Port Barre. That race was won by a 4 man – 1 woman team with a time of 49 hours, 43 minutes, and 58 seconds. They were paddling a custom made, 42 foot carbon fiber canoe. The team continued on to Berwick and won the TDT 135 and the 410 de Louisiane races. They beat the previous best time for the Tour du Teche 135 miles in the Long Boat category and won the Bourre Pot of \$1500.00. For winning the 410 mile race each paddler won \$940.00.

Tommy Yonley beat the previous record for a solo canoe with a single blade paddle and won \$1800.00.

On Saturday in Franklin there was a ½ mile lily pad jam. Some boaters came by with high powered motors and cut some paths through the lily pads. By the late afternoon they were back and blocked the passage of canoes at the bridge about 1 mile from the end of the race. One father actually jumped into the bayou to break a trail thru the lily pads to let his triplet sons thru the blockage. After dark around 14 boaters had to be taken out of the water before the blockage and transported to a point after the blockage and put back in the water. One guy was stuck in the lily pads for over an hour before being rescued.

We really enjoyed watching the Pellerin triplets come down the bayou. They were like a "well oiled" machine coming in perfect synchronization. They placed 2nd in the Long Boat division. Joy to watch!

Again I would like to thank all participants. See you next year!!!

Larry KE5KJD & Sandy KE5KJF LeBlanc - Communication Coordinators



Crawfish Hole Command Center



Sandy KE5KJF - inside Command Center



Tom W5OHJ operating 20 meter SSB at Checkpoint 1 in Arnaudville.



Bob Cooley K5IVR, Priscilla Cooley KG5GKJ and Sandy LeBlanc (background) in New Iberia.

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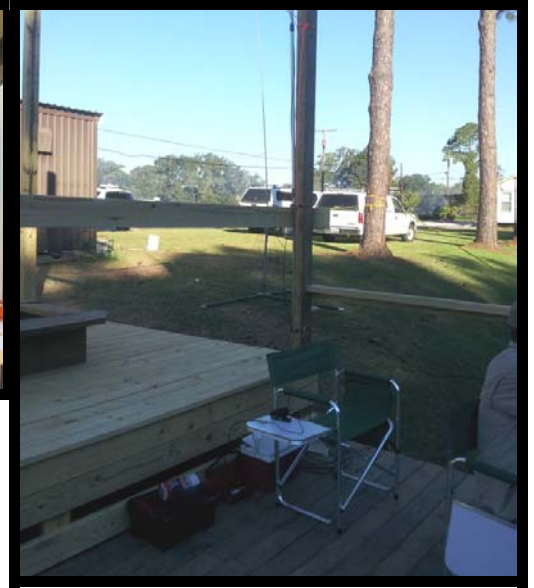
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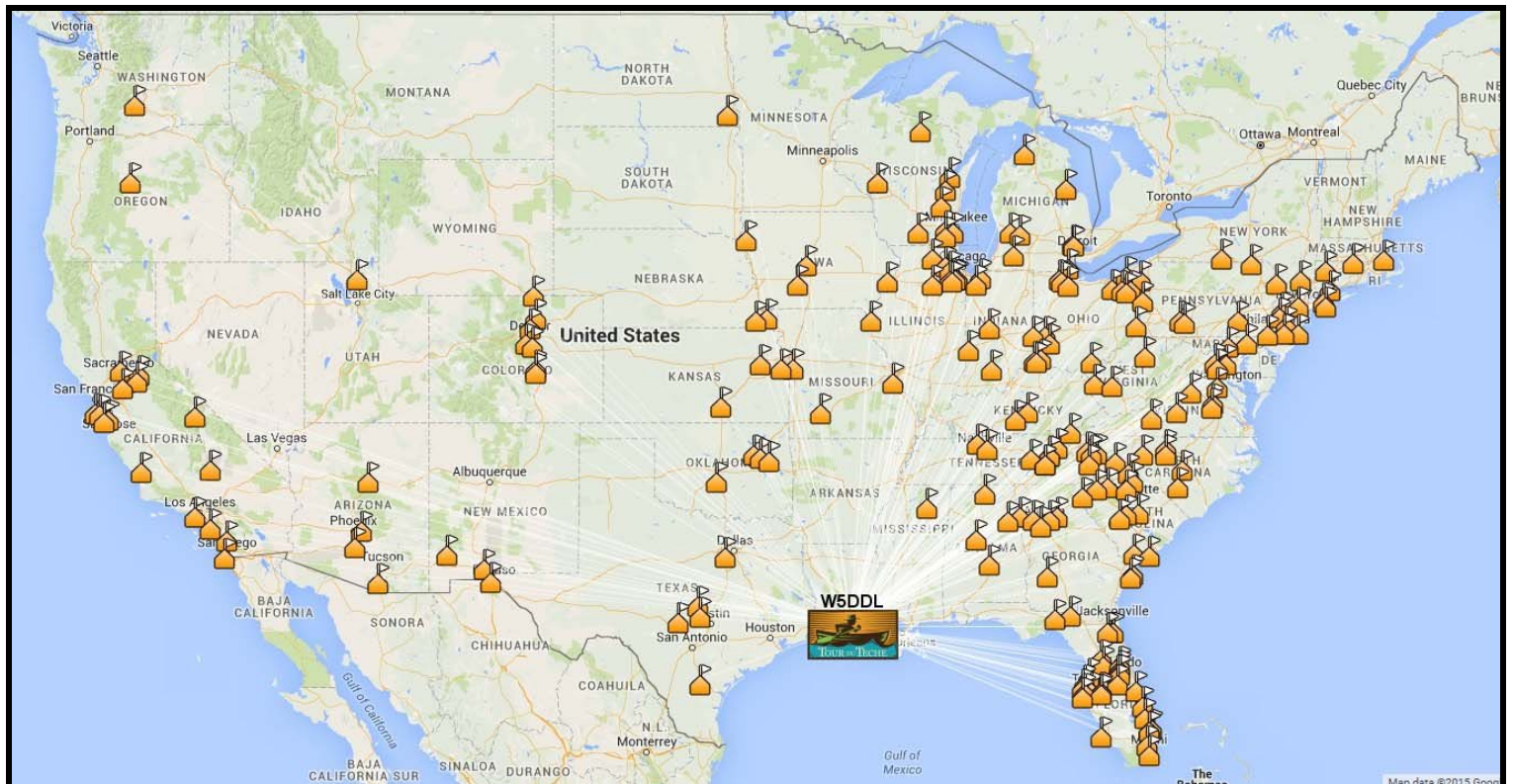
Mark W5GTI portable



Katya - Jess KF5LTL - Sandy KE5KJF
operating the "Crawfish Hole" Command
Center.



VHF/HF station and antennas at Checkpoint 1. Upper left - feed point for 40-10 meter EFHW antenna. Center - 2M/440 antenna on 12 ft painter. Rear right - 20 meter vertical HF antenna. ➡



Tour Du Teche HF Special Event

On October 2-4, 2015 members of the AARA operated an HF Special Event Station to commemorate the Tour Du Teche Canoe Race. A total of 7 stations with 9 operators, using the W5DDL callsign, made contacts during the three day event. Most stations operated portable equipment and power and were located at the various checkpoints that were already manned by AARA members providing VHF support to the race. Some stations operated from multiple checkpoints along the route. The HF operators made a total of 214 contacts throughout the US. It was fun and challenging at the same time, provided a great activity for club members, and may have established an annual club event. I want to thank everyone who participated, making our very first Tour Du Teche HF Special Event a success.

Mark Saltzman W5GTI - AARA President



LONELY PADDLER - Cory Werk from Breaux Bridge, plods a lonely stretch of the Red River near Lock and Dam No. 2. Werk joined up with the Tour du Teche in Port Barre for the final leg of the 410 de Louisiana, and finished this 410-mile kayak race through Louisiana at Berwick. (Photo by Ingo Werk - KK6EWB)

VE Test Session October 1, 2015

Candidates:

Sonya Haviland of Abbeville, Louisiana passed her Technician License and received the call KG5JTB.

Owen Haviland, of Abbeville, Louisiana passed his Technician License and received the call KG5JTA.

This makes four hams in the Haviland family with Owen the youngest at age 7.

KG5AYJ- Chad (Dad)

KG5JTB- Sonya (Mom)

KG5AYI- Sam (Son) age 9

KG5JTA- Owen (Son)

VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Mitch Romero KB5TWL, Ric Wallace KF5KEL & Galen Wilson KF5BET.

AARA Installs New UHF Repeater

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (shown below) displays the new UHF repeater recently installed alongside the W5DDL 146.820 VHF repeater, both located on top of the Chase Bank Building in downtown Lafayette, Louisiana at a height of about 250 feet.

Both repeaters use the call W5DDL and are the Yaesu DR-1X (set to auto- digital in, digital out and analog in, analog out). The new UHF repeater has the following information:

Output - 443.000 MHz

Input - 448.000 MHz

+ offset

PL- 103.5

Power out - 20 Watts

Antenna: Diamond 15 ft. dual band



OCTOBER 2015 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	62	Ø	134	W5GTI Mark
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	Net Control Operator Needed				
Acadiana ARES Net	4	42	Ø	89	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	33	Ø	93	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	5	70	Ø	171	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Change is not merely necessary to life. It is life.
from a Chinese fortune cookie !

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI, the net control station, for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the November 2015 schedule:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
November 2	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	NONE
November 9	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	103.5
November 16	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
November 23	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5
November 30	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	NONE

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area in Lafayette Parish as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November 2015 schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

Notice: Mark W5GTI announced again that he would continue the AARA Monday Night Net contest for 2015.

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AARA Net during 2015 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and a winner from the top 10 check-ins will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

11/01 JOANN	KE5RPL
11/03 JENNIFER	N5CRR
11/03 PAUL	K5VSH
11/07 LINDA	KA9TWO
11/10 KEITH	KE5QKE
11/13 FRED	KE5LP
11/20 STEVE	KC5UGC
11/30 JOHN	K5JMR
12/03 BENJAMIN	KF5ZSR
12/07 ROLAND	NA5Q

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the



de AARA Members

Thursday, November 26



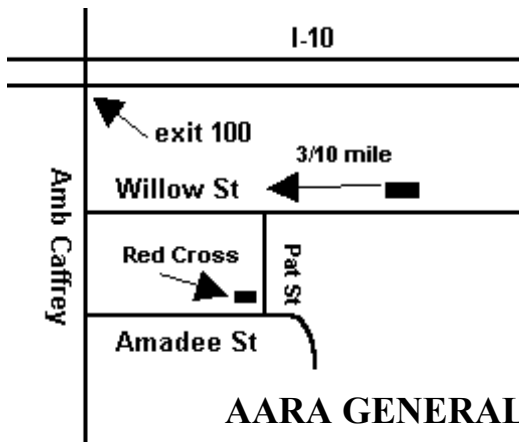
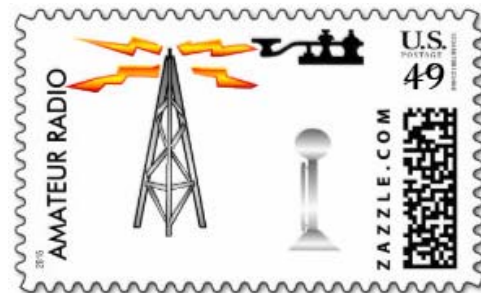
ARRL Membership Dues Increase

ARRL membership dues will increase from \$39.00 per year to \$49.00 per year beginning January 1, 2016.

Pay your dues before January 1, 2016 and save \$10.00.

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AARA GENERAL MEETING

November 5, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA

VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM - NO VE Testing in December

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



The Greatest Queso That Ever Lived

Submitted by Herman Campbell KN5GRK's Brother "Butch"

Ingredients:

- 1 block (32 oz.) Velveeta Cheese
- 1 package (8 oz.) Cream Cheese
- 1 can (10 oz. can) Rotel
- 1 can (10.75 oz can) Cream of Mushroom Soup

- 1 pound of ground beef or sausage (or a combination of both)
- 1 green onion *Optional

Instructions:

Brown ground beef or sausage (or both) in a pan over medium heat and set aside. Cut up the Velveeta and cream cheese into cubes and place into a crock pot. Pour in the Rotel and the cream of mushroom soup and stir ingredients together. Place the crock pot on low setting for an hour, letting the ingredients meld. After about 30 minutes, add the browned meat and continue to let cook, stirring as needed.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245